

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-18 were pending. Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-18 were rejected. Claim 9 was objected to as allowable but dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 1, 4, 10, 12, 15, and 17 are amended herein. Claims 3, 11, and 16 are cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 where each of the incoming calls is analyzed using a framing listening technique. Claim 3 was rejected over Corrigan, Tanitsu, and Gilman.

With respect to claim 3, the Examiner cited col. 5, lines 19-31, noting that Gilman teaches analyzing each of the incoming calls using a framing technique. There is nothing in the cited passage that teaches analyzing each of the incoming calls using a framing technique. Moreover, the technique that Gilman uses to analyze incoming calls is described in col. 6, lines 32-41. Rather than using a framing technique, Gilman examines: the calling party and the called party address, the calling party and called party subaddress, the call identifier, and the high or low layer compatibility. The Gilman analysis then compares these elements with the call signatures of other existing calls to determine if the elements match any of the call signatures. No part of this analysis utilizes the framing technique.

Additionally, claims 10 and 15 have been amended to incorporate limitations similar to those in claim 3. Thus, claims 10, 12-15, and 17-18 are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections of all pending claims and a Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if that would be helpful in advancing the case towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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